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<u>Kerrville Main Street to hold Dedication Ceremony for</u>
<u>Guadalupe Bass Public Art Project</u>

**Kerrville, Texas (January 20, 2017)** – The Kerrville Main Street Advisory Board (MSAB) is pleased to invite the community to the dedication and unveiling ceremony of the Guadalupe Bass Public Art Project, "Lupe." The event will take place on Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. near the Louise Hays Park Fountain Plaza, 202 Thompson Drive.

The Guadalupe Bass, the official state fish of Texas, is native to Kerrville and the Guadalupe River. This sculpture titled "Lupe," by artist GiGi Miller, celebrates this unique fish that lives only in the Hill Country streams of Texas.

"The sculpture includes tiles that were hand-crafted by Kerrville citizens at a craft session held last summer," said Ashlea Boyle, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation. "It will be an exciting opportunity for everyone to find their artwork on the bass. Their contribution will now be a part of lasting part of Kerrville's history."

This is the third installment of public art made possible by Kerrville Main Street. The "Welcome to Kerrville" sign located at IH-10, and the "Mother's Love" sculpture on Earl Garrett Street were the first two projects sponsored by Kerrville Main Street.

For this particular project, artists were invited to submit proposals for a permanent sculpture that expresses a cultural, geographical, or historical significance to Kerrville, encourages and entices visitor interaction, and leaves a positive and lasting impression. The Guadalupe River will serve as a natural backdrop to this sculpture, and creates the perfect setting for making memories and taking photographs.

## **About the Artist**

GiGi Miller is a mixed media artist, mother, and nature lover who has lived in Austin, Texas for nearly 20 years. GiGi seeks to bring happiness and beauty to the world by creating aesthetically pleasing art that is playful and feeds the imagination. he enjoys making ceramic tiles and sculpting whimsical concrete sculptures that have an uplifting effect on the audience. GiGi received her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from The University of Texas at Austin in 2003.

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